

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A portable sign support~~ Support apparatus comprising:
~~comprised of a base for receiving a sign of the type having an elongated post with a geometric cross section and a plurality of spaced-apart through-holes; and~~ [[, the]]

a base comprising:

a hollow fillable body having a bottom portion adapted to rest on [[the]] a ground surface and a top ~~surface having~~ portion transitioning into a collar, [[:]]

the collar including a bore dimensioned to receive the geometric cross section of the post and at least one aperture configured to align with one of the spaced-apart through-holes of the post when it is received into the collar, [[:]] and

a fastener received by the aperture and through holes to hold the sign in an aligned, upright position.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base has one or more grasping handles ~~disposed near the periphery of the bottom portion.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein the base supports a pair~~ further including a set of wheels ~~on an axle adjacent and within a portion of its periphery~~ associated with the bottom portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base is fillable with a liquid ballast.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 7, wherein the base is fillable through the bore in the collar portion.

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9. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 7, wherein the base ~~has a~~
~~resealable~~ is fillable through a sealable opening disposed on the bottom portion.

10. (Canceled)